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David's Devotional Focus on God

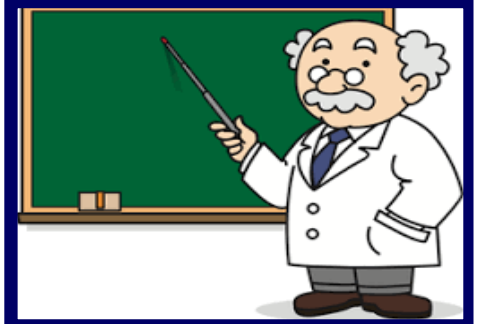
I once read this good advice:

- Happy Moments..... Praise GOD
- Difficult Moments..... Seek GOD
- Quiet Moments..... Worship GOD
- Painful Moments..... Trust GOD
- Every Moment..... Thank GOD

I am full of fleshly thoughts and desires. Pride is my greatest sin and most difficult obstacle.
 In my "Happy Moments" I praise myself thinking what a great job I have done.
 In my "Difficult Moments" I seek attention for myself.
 In my "Quiet Moments" I wonder what else I could be doing.
 In my "Painful Moments" I trust no one.
 In "Every Moment" I am often dissatisfied and unthankful.

"O wretched man that I am! Who shall deliver me from the body of this death?" **Romans 7:24**
"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting."
Psalm 139:23,24

If we humble ourselves (*giving up pride*) and focus on God's Will (*not our own*) we will be delivered! I must focus on God ... not myself!
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An Interesting Quote:

"If you can't stand the heat, get out of the kitchen" Harry Truman
"And whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire."

Revelation 20:15

God told us about a "lake of fire". We cannot fully conceive of this place we know as "Hell".

One day, many will know exactly what it is, what it means, and how it feels. They will not be able to "take the heat", but sadly, they will not be able to get out!

If our names are in the book of life, we will stay out of the heat!

"And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord." **Acts 22:16**

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Did You Know?

The "S" in Harry S. Truman's name doesn't stand for anything!

His grandparents were Anderson Shipp Truman and Solomon Young. It was decided to simply use the "S" to honor both.

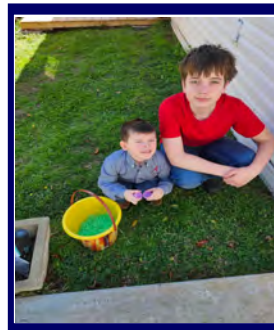
Many cannot decide what they stand for. They wear the name "Christian", but it does not mean anything. We need to decide what we stand for and honor Jesus Christ!

What Happened?

At the beginning of March Liberty Church of Christ had our Spring Gospel Meeting March 1st - 3rd with Lonnie Jones. At the end of March we had an early "Easter Egg Hunt" for the boys! Both events were "prizes"!



Lonnie Jones



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Once Upon A Time ...

"To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under heaven"
Ecclesiastes 3:1

MOONSHINE



The worst place to be was in the outhouse during ice and snow!
The second worst place was in the outhouse at 100 degrees!

Fortunately Daddy showed us a summer time luxury. He taught us to take two five gallon buckets and turn them upside down. Set them a couple of feet apart. Then we could take a 2 x 6 board and place it across the two buckets - one bucket under each end of the board. Viola - a Porta Potty! We could set up our Porta Potty anywhere in the cool, shaded woods!

Once, while looking for a new Porta Potty location, we found a metal drum that had coiled copper tubing coming out of its top. The tubing went to the top of another metal container. We told Daddy about our interesting discovery. He told us that we were never to go back there again!

Later I learned about "Moonshine". I guess Daddy figured our Porta Potty would not provide the kind of moonshine that those folks would be interested in!

Daddy was right to warn us to stay away from that place. Perhaps he understood Solomon's wisdom from **Proverbs 4:14** *"Enter not into the path of the wicked, and go not in the way of evil men."*

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What Good Is Gold?



There was once a stingy old man who hid his gold at the base of a tree.

Every day the stingy old man would come to the tree, dig up the gold, and gloat over it. He would feel so secure and happy knowing he had such great treasure.

One day a thief saw the man dig up his gold, look at it a while, and put it back in the dirt. After the stingy old man left, the thief dug up the gold and took it away.

The next day the stingy old man returned to the tree, but found nothing but the empty hole. He cried so loudly that the neighbors all came running to him. He told them how he came daily and visited his gold, but now it was gone. Nothing would ever be the same!

One of the neighbors asked, *"Did you ever take any of it out for special use?"* "No", he said, *"I only came to look at it."* *"Then come back each day and look at the hole,"* said the neighbor, *"it will do you just as much good!"*

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We should be good stewards of God's gifts. Squandering and wasting them is offensive to Him. However, if we don't use God's blessings, they will never do anyone any good or give Him any glory or honor!

Remember the parable of the talents in **Matthew 25**? The one who received one talent buried it. This displeased his master. Whether we have a little or a lot, we should use it for the Master's glory.

Our blessings come in three areas: Time, Talent, and Treasure. We may not have a lot of Treasure but may have some Time to share or some Talent we can use.

If we don't use them, those blessings might as well not exist ... and indeed one day ... they won't!

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A Funny Thing Happened ...



The preacher knew a man who didn't like his name. He loved his mother, but he didn't appreciate the name she gave him. She named him "Odd". When he got older, he made his wife promise not to inscribe that name on his tombstone. She could only put the birth date and the death date. He didn't want that name to be remembered!

The day came when his wife had to make his final arrangements. True to her word, she did not have his name inscribed on the tombstone. Today, when people pass by, they see the monument with no name and say, "Ain't that Odd?"

The preacher thought about **Philippians 2:9** *"Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name:"* The name of Jesus is odd only in the sense that it is unique! His authority is beyond all else. In fact, it is odd to see the majority refuse Him!